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AFGHANISTAN: Tribal Unrest

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[REDACTED] violent opposition to the government of Afghanistan may be spreading, possibly in reaction to the nine-month-old leftist regime's arrest of religious leaders and its efforts to implement land reform. The government has been unable to quell the tribal revolt under way in Nangarhar Province and recently sent reinforcements to mountainous Oruzgan Province. [REDACTED]

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TURKEY: Progovernment Editor's Murder

The murder in Istanbul yesterday of one of Turkey's most prominent newsmen, Apti Ipekci, may indicate that some rightwing extremist groups have now begun targeting members of the Turkish establishment. If so, additional assassinations of prominent Turks are likely. No group has claimed responsibility for the murder, but the government believes rightists were involved. Martial law authorities may institute more repressive crackdowns on extremist groups. Ipekci was the editor of the moderate, progovernment daily *Milliyet* and a longtime confidant of Prime Minister Ecevit and other leading Turkish politicians. [REDACTED]

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